



## GOD'S LOVE

### A SHUT-IN'S PLEASURE

*By Kate Henderson*

Dear God, my heart is glad  
Because You are my friend.  
The world doesn't know the pleasure  
Of a child of God shut in.

My friends will pass by me;  
It seems I hear them say,  
“I'm glad I'm up and going  
And not shut in that way.”

But I wish they only knew  
The pleasure that I see,  
For when they think I'm alone  
My Savior's here with me.

While others are seeking pleasure  
Almost everywhere,  
I'm basking in my Savior's love  
And talking to Him in prayer.

Sometimes it's good  
He puts us on a shut-in bed;  
It helps us leave the world alone  
And listen to what He said.

I wish that everybody  
Would try and be friends,  
And enjoy life just half as much  
As this one shut-in.

### THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

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“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall  
abide under the shadow of the Almighty,” Psa. 91:1.

ITIM. 3:15

June 10, 1944

# NOTES From My LETTERS

By  
J. H. WALKER  
General Overseer

Grand Ledge, Michigan, makes progress. Pastor W. T. Truett took charge in 1941. There were then seven attending Sunday School in a rented building for \$25 a month and the tithes were \$16 a month. But the picture has changed: they have attendance of approximately sixty, and have bought a new building worth approximately \$4,500, with cash and pledges sufficient to pay entire building. He states, "We have a nice two-story brick building, with five large rooms upstairs for a parsonage. The building is filled every Sunday night, and the week services well attended."

May the Lord bless Grand Ledge.—  
J. H. Walker.

A mighty revival in progress at the South Cleveland, Tenn., Church of God. On Sunday night, May 14, seventeen were saved, of which nine were orphan boys. Forty-two have been saved to date. Several have been sanctified and some have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—Walter Skutar, evangelist.

We have just closed a great revival at Honea Path, South Carolina, with Brother Alton Edenfield, of Winnsboro, South Carolina, doing the preaching. There were ninety-one saved, forty-eight sanctified, forty filled with the Holy Ghost, and forty-two added to the church. The people here are really on fire for God. Please pray for this work. We are planning to enlarge our church building soon.—G. T. Wilson, pastor, Box 128, Honea Path, S. C.

We are in a revival in Coolidge, Arizona, and God is blessing with His presence and convicting power. We have had four nights' service and six have prayed through. There are several in the altar. Pray for us.—H. E. Ramsey.

TELEGRAM: Had a grand home-

## Harrisburg, Pa., District Convention

Thank the Lord for the unusual manifestation of His presence and power throughout the Harrisburg district convention which convened May 19-21. The church was well filled and a sweet spirit of love and unity prevailed. The services began good and one received the Holy Ghost the first night. Not only was there Spirit-filled singing, but an outstanding evidence of especially anointed preaching. Two of the outstanding instances were: first, the heart-searching missionary message given by our honored Brother J. Stewart Brinsfield, which resulted in a voluntary offering of \$660.21 and a combined consecration and altar service at which two received the Holy Ghost. Second, on Sunday morning, the soul-inspiring demonstration of the Spirit through our dear young

coming, raised \$2,050 to pay off indebtedness of Belmont church.—J. M. Hodge, pastor, Belmont, North Carolina.

Brother Marcelle reports a wonderful General Assembly of the Colored Work. The orphanage report this year is \$6,031.64. The total of all monies received from reports was \$12,152.49. They had a splendid year otherwise and we are very thankful to have this report. May the Lord bless them.—  
J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

people's leader, Brother D. N. Lykens, which caused the fire of God to spread, and there was a concerted move to the altar where one was reclaimed and two more received the glorious blessing of the Baptism. Because of the gracious influence of God's presence, an offering of \$31 was received for the orphans; also, twenty Evangel subscriptions were secured. One young man's defective limb was healed and now he can walk with much greater ease. The spiritual tide was high in the first service and continued to rise. We realize that it is only by the mighty hand of God that these miraculous things were accomplished and we gladly give Him all glory and praise, which is due Him.—  
Kathleen Bell, 1266 Miller Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

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# The Need of the World Today

J. H. Long

Is it not time to cry aloud and spare not, to lift up the voice like a trumpet, and show the people of God their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins? Surely the need beside which every other need sinks into insignificance is an old-time revival, a deep and widespread, old-time revival.

We are no pessimists. We do not for a moment lose sight of the fact that the foundations of God stand sure. We do not for a moment question that God has His thousands that have not bowed the knee to the world, the flesh, or the devil, nor been swept from their mooring by the present flood-tide of false teaching and doctrine. These unite in declaring that the only remedy for the evils we deplore is an old-time revival—a revival brought about by the mighty working of the Spirit of God in awakening and quickening and saving power. Oh, for a revival that will turn the professed people of God back from their idols of sin and worldliness to serve the true and living God—back from their broken cisterns to the fountain of living waters; a revival in which the Word of God will be preached without compromise or apology in the power of the Holy Ghost sent down

from heaven; a revival that will overthrow sin of every kind, popular as well as unpopular; a revival that will take every desire for worldly amusements and abolish every ungodly scheme for raising money for the support of the gospel; a revival that will sweep away the pride that prompts all worldly conformity and extravagance in dress and manner of life, and melt the millions of dollars' worth of gold that is now used to adorn the body, into coin, and dedicate it to God for carrying the Gospel to the heathen; a revival that will take the people out of their worldly clubs and societies and secret lodges and put them into the secret place of the Most High, where they will abide under the shadow of the Almighty; a revival that will save the people of God from covetousness and love of the world and all uncleanness of spirit, mind, and body; a revival in which professors of religion will have their eyes opened to see and feel their responsibility for souls, and in which they will confess with broken hearts their former backslidings, their carelessness and indifference, and in thousands of cases their actual transgressions of the moral law; a revival like a flood that will sweep away the refuge of lies and overflow the hiding places of all them that would hide away from the light of God's Spirit; a revival that will unearth and uncover every device of Satan for deceiving souls, whether found in the church or outside of it, for the secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him, and will show unto them His covenant; a revival that will make the church and the world to realize the shortness of time and the importance of eternity; a revival in which judgment light will shine not only on the unsaved but in which God's people will see their duty and realize their opportunity as those that have lost sight of the things of time in the light of the coming judgment; a revival that will make heaven and hell, Calvary and the resurrection, salvation from sin, cleansing through the blood, and the Gift of the Holy Ghost, living realities by the revelations of the Spirit in harmony with the Word; a revival in which the sinfulness of sin will be so revealed that instead of excusing and pleading for it, souls will turn from it in utter loathing, and cry out, "Oh, wretched man that I am, who will deliver me from this body of death?" and refuse to find comfort in

any thought of imputed righteousness as a covering for sin, but cry out for deliverance from every wrong affection and from every evil thought and desire, and rest not until the old man is crucified with Christ, and the very body of sin destroyed; a revival that will sweep away selfishness and narrowness and all sectarian spirit, and bring those that now spend their time in criticism of each other down on their faces together before the Lord, crying out for the salvation of lost souls; a revival that like a tornado will sweep away all the old dried-up sermons, and all the cold formal prayers, and all the lifeless singing, and like a whirlwind will carry every one that comes in its path heavenward; a revival that will fill the hearts of saints with holy love, and so burden the hearts of God's ministers that the Word of God will be like fire shut up in their bones; a revival that will help the people to honor God with their substance, and so have their barns filled with plenty; a revival that will open the windows of heaven by bringing all of God's tithes into His storehouse; a revival that will so fill the saints with love that they will rejoice in the opportunity to give their time and money, and if needs be their very lives, for their brethren and for the salvation of a lost world; a revival in which the presence of God will be so revealed that multitudes will fall under the power of God and cry for mercy as they did on the day of Pentecost; a revival that has so much of heaven and so much of God's glory in it that the world will be compelled to see and feel its mighty influence; a revival that will gloriously defeat the powers of darkness and hell and make earth and heaven ring with shouts of victory over a multitude of souls snatched from the eternal burnings, and run for God and heaven; yea, a revival that will never need to be revived, but that will sweep on like a mighty wave of the sea that nothing can hinder, until time shall be no more.

For such a revival our heart cries out to God. For such a revival we are ready to watch and toll and pray. For such a revival we believe the blessed Holy Ghost is interceding in many hearts. Such a revival God is able and ready to give. But for this He must be inquired of by His people to do it for them. May God grant it, not for our sakes, but for His own name's sake and for His own honor and glory.



# RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

## Bible Sales

James D. Rankin, writing in the "United Presbyterian," stated that the Bible "has been translated, in whole or in part, into 1,000 tongues or dialects; 500,000,000 copies have been sold. It has now reached an annual sale of about 35,000,000 copies."

## The Saddest Thing

However sad and trying it may have been for others to go to war, the saddest of all is to see those fathers have to go who have a son, a daughter, or even a few of either or both sexes, and who so terribly need the care of father with respect to material support but who need him more particularly with regard to spiritual and moral protection.

## Nazis Dynamited Jewish Youths

EDINBURG (JTA) — Confirmation of earlier reports that the Germans had blasted to death 400 Dutch Jewish prisoners in the quarries of the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria was given this week by Dutch Lieut. Kees De Ridder, who fled Holland last summer.

Lieut. De Ridder told a press conference here that the dynamiting of 400 young Jews between the ages of 17 and 24 had occurred soon after the German occupation of his country, but reports of the massacre did not reach the Netherlands until a few months ago.

## Beer Cans

According to a report in *Western Voice*, the War Production Board has released critical metals for making more beer cans for 1944. In the light of the release of these critical materials for a wanton, reckless, injurious, and certainly unneeded purposes; and allocation of plenty of gas for beer trucks, but little or none for preachers to care for the spiritual urgencies of the congregations; it is hard to see any sincerity in the administration of our Government concerning the spiritual well-being of the American people.

## Eloheim

What think ye? The word "Eloheim," being a Hebrew masculine

noun, from which some of our modern writers say the attributes of God are in etymological manifestation, leads those who claim such a theory into confusion when the same word is found to be used of idols (i. e., idle gods) in Gen. 31:32; Exod. 20:3, and elsewhere. The question is, Did these idle gods have "attributes" to manifest? Of course, they did not. But if they did not, then the argument of those who claim that Eloheim only embodied the "attributes" of the Godhead, is at once broken down in the middle and at both ends. "Eloheim" is the word used for God in connection with the creative period in Gen. 1:1, and afterward. It is also used of "idle gods." Deut. 29:18; 32:17; Exod. 18:11, and elsewhere. It is also used of the judges. Exod. 21:6. Furthermore, it is used of God and others whom the Lord calls gods in Psalms 82:1; 97:7. Certainly in these many cases the reference and meaning is not with respect to "attributes," nor is it reasonable to assume that Eloheim as used in Genesis creative periods was so used.

## Liquor Trade in United States

*Western Voice* states that: "Record of 129 months of relegalized liquor trade April, 1933, to January, 1944:

Expenditures for alcoholic beverages, legal and illicit, for 129 months	\$37,677,326,659
Legal liquor	\$34,252,115,145
Illicit liquor	3,425,211,514
Liquor caused crime, accidents, disease, absenteeism, etc.	\$35,976,875,000
Liquor-caused crime	\$20,900,000,000
Liquor-caused accidents	\$2,553,125,000
Liquor-caused disease	\$12,523,750,000

Total expenditures and waste caused by liquor, 129 months (April 1933 to January 1, 1944) \$73,654,201,659  
Liquor's return to the government and to people, 129 months (April 1, 1933 to January 1, '44) \$30,914,897,055

## Returns on taxes:

Federal	\$6,198,228,613
Returns on taxes:	
State and local	\$4,657,161,283
Returns to labor	\$14,610,321,409
Returns to producer	\$3,836,685,750
Returns transportation, etc.	\$1,612,500,000

Net cost of liquor traffic and liquor waste to the people of the U. S. for the 129 months of relegalized trade, April, 1933 to January, 1944 ..... \$42,739,304,604

## Comment on Hebrews 6:4; 10:18

There are always and most everywhere some who are ever ready to discourage someone who may have backslidden from Christ, especially those who have had the baptism of the Holy Ghost, by telling them they can never be reclaimed or receive pardon for their backslidings. Such people may be sincere, and base their opinion on a wrong interpretation of these scriptures. Let me say here that the Apostle was not speaking of the Gentile converts at all. Rather, he was speaking of those Jews who were turning back from Christ and going back under the law, to worship again under the offerings of sacrifice, thus "crucifying Christ." It is a dangerous thing to so interpret these scriptures that those who have strayed from Christ cannot again be renewed upon

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Since I have been asked to write an article for the paper, I will give a little resume of the mission work I do in my home town. At an early age I had a desire to go to the red-light districts and do rescue work among fallen girls. In my imagination, so to speak, I would build air castles of this kind of mission work. But instead of going elsewhere, the Lord placed me in a work very similar to what I wanted to do, right at home.

To begin with I will tell about a mission I am in charge of. I feel unworthy but this is known as the Elsie Gass Mission. In the early twenties I organized an open-air Sunday School in a tract of woodland in the poor section of the town, with only one house near at that time. I had this from the early summer until the fall winds became so chilly I had to close it out. Then the next summer I opened the school again, and by early fall the Lord had provided a building to house the Sunday School in. This building was made possible by the good people of the town donating material and labor free of charge. It is 30x70 feet, and while it is not a fine building it is well ventilated and has electric lights and best of all, it is a place where the Lord meets with us each time we meet for worship, and it is a place where the poor in this world's good can come and learn about Jesus and feel at home. I have the mission open for prayer services each Thursday night, and open for Sunday School each Sunday afternoon and for preaching each Sunday night.

Soon after I had this mission work established, this woodland was cleared and sold in small lots and these are now dotted with small cottages. I have had some wonderful revivals held in this mission, however I do not preach; but, like Moses of old, my work, to a great extent, is a leadership work. This mission stands for the entire teachings of the whole Bible—regeneration, sanctification, the Holy Ghost baptism according to Acts 2:4, water baptism, divine healing, and the soon return of our blessed Lord. There is so much I could write in regard to this particular work, but I will not take up space only to tell one other thing in regard to the work.

I have gone up to this mission the first day of April this year made seven years, and driven up some time during the day for a prayer service, and have not missed but one day in the

# A Home Mission Work

MISS ELSIE GASS

seven years, and that was the first summer after I had begun the prayer service. It was an unusually hot day and I came very near having a sunstroke. I was desperately sick for the remainder of the day, too nauseated to sit up.

Since this critical war is on, a small group of saints meet with me and we pray from three to four o'clock in the afternoon. Those who read this please pray with us at this hour.

Next, I will give a brief sketch of a work I do at what is called the County Home. This home is out about three miles. Most every one knows what a county home is. People are placed in this home who have no other place to live, some very aged and some young. The young ones are usually much afflicted. I tell the members this home is a gift from God for their comfort. I go out to this home once a month for a service. The house is kept scrupulously neat and clean. I remember several years ago, I held a service over the bodies of two of the members of the home that had passed away at the same time, two caskets were side by side. The home has its own cemetery. This past Christmas made twenty-seven years I have gone out the morning before Christmas and have taken them a treat and put up a tree and decorations for the members of the home, to try to bring them Christmas cheer. Several years ago, I began in August and I made eleven aprons and cross-stitched each one, and gave each woman in the home one. I also gave the men and children in the home small gifts. I have never missed a single time in those twenty-seven years.

Now for a sketch of the prison re-form work I do. I go to the jail for a service each Sunday afternoon. This follows my mission Sunday School which closes at 3:00 p. m. and I come directly from the mission for this service. I have witnessed some pathetic scenes behind the prison bars. I decorate the jail each Christmas to give it a home-like appearance. I always observe Mother's Day with a special service, using white and red flowers.

I have been faithful to this work and at the judgment I am expecting souls to be there, saved because of the faithfulness to this work. I made my first trip in 1914. I could write a book about this work.

My next portrayal will be of a work I do among the sick and poor. I have an office in the courthouse where I meet with the poor and give out from this office secondhand clothing, shoes and hats, and anything sent in. I have a fund provided by the good people from which I buy groceries, fuel, medicine for the sick and those who have no means of support. My work at one time was wholly a faith work. Every letter I would get carried an expectancy with it. Those who come to my office I try to help, not only in a material way but spiritually as well. I have a prayer with most every one who comes. Those who make an investment in my work among the poor will meet it on the other side. I feel unworthy for what the town does for me. I have had three cars given me by the good people of my home town. I now own a V-8 1940 model.

I have written this little outline of a work Jesus has placed me in just to glorify my blessed Savior, for of all of God's true children I feel I am the least.

Please remember me in prayer.

## Report From Mobile, Ala.

MOBILE, Ala.—Our gospel tent is up again in the very heart of Mobile. In our first service two young men were saved. Our beloved pastor, Brother Wiggins, gave us instructions and godly counsel from his sickbed before he left us. He had to leave us for a much-needed rest. Brother Earnest Wilson and Brother R. V. Cooker have been loyal and faithful in helping us women get the tent ready. Sister Lysle is doing the preaching. What old-time gospel she is preaching! Please bear us up to God. Sailors and service men have access to this meeting.—Sister V. M. Davenport.

First, we must have faith or we cannot accomplish anything for the glory of God. We must have faith to build. We find where Jesus told Peter, in Matt. 16:18, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Jesus wasn't speaking of an earthly building, but was speaking of a heavenly one.

Matt. 9:29, "Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you." I did not say this, but Jesus said, *According to your faith*. We need more faith in God. We find in one verse where if we had faith as a grain of mustard seed, we could do wonders. Just think how small this seed is. God help us all to have more faith. We are letting the world creep in somewhere. I am afraid some of us are slacking up, but I say that it's no time to slow up. If we ever intend to help build and establish anything for God, now is the time.

You will say, "Preacher, what can I do to help build?" When the Lord saves a man or woman, boy or girl, He doesn't save them to sit down, but He saves them to work, and when you are talking to someone out in sin and help him to find Jesus, then you have helped in God's building. In other words, when we are saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, we are ready to cultivate our minds in God's works. If we have the glory in our souls we should have, we are working and doing all we can to see God's wonderful building program put over. Bless His sweet name! I want to do more and have more faith and be a stronger builder for the glory of God.

Brother, sister, and friends, what have we to worry about? If God is for us, who can be against us? I am glad one day I found a solid foundation. That was Christ Jesus. And I began to build and have found it a sweet and wonderful work. Listen, friends, here is the trouble with many, they started and did not get on the solid foundation. If they had accepted the gospel and built on the Rock, which is Christ Jesus, they would have still been working for Jesus. Some people will say, "If it had not been for the preacher (or someone in the church), I would have still been living right." They will always try to put the blame on someone else; but this is not true. They just failed to pray, and when you fail to pray you just quit building in

# Building by Faith

B. O. Cantrell

those dark hours. I say, if we ever have, or are ever going to do anything for the Lord, we need to do it now. We say we want to see people saved. How bad do we want to see them saved? Are we living before sinners an acceptable life for Christ Jesus? When we hear them cursing and using obscene language we should tell them Jesus loves them. Some people who claim salvation will stand and laugh, but I find this is a good place to build stronger. When we do speak to people like this, it makes us stronger in the work of the Lord.

Matt. 21:42, "Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected." Jesus was speaking of Himself. There are millions of people still rejecting this wonderful salvation and it is up to us to try to get them saved. Pray, pray, for this is the key to open the way to our wonderful Savior. I am truly glad I have found if we will build our faith and hope on Him and in Him, He will take us through. I love that dear old song, "I'm Going Through."

People, listen, I love my Savior, bless His sweet name. I am glad I have found this Rejected Stone precious to my soul. I have found joy and peace in Him, a comfort. Sinner friend, you, too, can have this wonderful blessing of God.

There are some people today who will say, "Preacher, I would like to have this wonderful salvation." You can tell them that all God requires of them is to be saved. Most of them are like poor old Simon, they would like to buy it and try it out; but this glorious experience can't be purchased with money.

In James 2:17, 18, we find these words, "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a

man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." All right, if you are not building and helping in this wonderful work, your faith must be dead. Works means to build and we must have faith to go forward. What is faith? It is things hoped for. We find in St. John 20 where Thomas would not believe unless he could see Jesus himself, but the rest of them had faith. You remember how Jesus appeared again in their presence and how He told Thomas to reach hither his finger and behold His hands, reach hither his hand and thrust it into His side, and not to be faithless but believing. We have many Thomases today—unless they see they won't believe. We must accept the plan of salvation by faith.

When Jesus appeared unto Thomas He told him, "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed." In Luke 7 we find a certain centurion's servant sick and about to die. When he heard about Jesus and His wonderful power to heal, he had faith to believe Jesus could heal his servant, which He did, for they that were sent, returning to the house found the servant whole that had been sick.

If we are true blue for Jesus, someone will know about it. God help me to be braver in this warfare for my King. While our boys are yonder giving their lives for our freedom, we should be more concerned about praying for them.

Dear sinner friend, you must believe God can save you and have faith. Jesus said unless ye repent ye shall all likewise perish. Jesus loves you. He left His home in Glory and came all the way to earth and suffered and died for our sins. Won't you repent today and turn from that wicked way and come to Jesus? Can't you see Jesus as He hung on that cross, as the blood flowed down His side, out of His hands. He did this for you and me. Surely you can't neglect this salvation. If you will repent and have faith, believing in God, God will save you wherever you are, in the mills, or in the Army.

I believe when Abraham was tempted he had faith to believe that God would prepare an offering. I believe Abraham had the faith to believe God would spare Isaac, which He did. Some folks have great faith as long as they are on the mountain top, so to speak;

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# Straight Living

By MERRILL H. EVE

*"Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight," Acts 9:11.*

A great general once said, "Boys, if you want to shoot straight, you must live straight." So if you as a Christian want to hit the mark and win out in the battle of life, you must live the straight life. There is only one way to live it. It is the straight and narrow way laid down by the Master. He went over the road Himself to show us how to live it and the blessings that come from it.

Certainly these are great days of God. Great things are ahead, prophecy is unfolding very rapidly and events are shaping most alarmingly for the great end-time hour. But there is much work to be done, many souls to be saved, many to be encouraged along life's way. Be ready for any work that comes up for you to do.

Long ago, a man called Paul got a call from heaven, saying, "Arise, and go into the street called Straight." The call was to lead Paul on the right road and bring him into the light, the light of the glorious gospel. That day Paul began to live the Christlike life, he got right with God. For over thirty years Paul had lived on Crooked Street, but now he changed his residence to Straight Street and began to live the straight life. Then and there began his matchless career.

To live on Straight Street should be the goal of every sincere life. The street called Straight leads to true success and a great career. It is the highway to honor and to heaven. Any other road leads to disappointment and failure. Avoid it. A famous minister of some years back had thousands of young men under him in his particular work, and left the impress of his life upon them. He went through life shouting to stooped lives and crooked causes, "Straighten up! Straighten up!" One day as he was walking down the street he saw one of his young students walking stooped over and slumped in posture. He called out, "Straighten up, young man! Straighten up!" Those words have lived on and it is the call now of the Infinite. It is a message of the wise men of the ages to all humanity to-

day.

In human life we pass from childhood to youth, to middle age, and to old age. We live on different streets and some of them can be noted here. There is Young Street. That is the one on which we start the pilgrimage of life. One is young only once, just once. It is the street also of childhood with innocence and beginnings; where we take our first lessons in life and first sit at mother's knee and say, "Now I lay me down to sleep." It is a mighty good place and time to give life into the Master's keeping. No time like this period to make the start for straight living.

There is School Street. We all usually start on this street about six years of age. It is the great day when we make this start. It is the first entrance into a world of learning. Here you plow the way up through the grades and to high school. A life begins to make decisions for oneself, and choose friends, many to become life-long friends. In course of time you may move to College Street for a short time and taste the fruit of the tree of knowledge and it is sweet to the taste.

Then there is Joy Street. Every street in heaven is named Joy, but there are some Joy Streets on earth. This world is full of joy and sunshine. Possibly you have not noticed it or found it. A real formula for a lasting, blissful and happy life of joy is understood more clearly if we let joy be defined. It is Jesus first, others next, yourself last. Joy is a human heritage. Be happy. Let no one tell you that a Christian experience has to be one of sadness and sorrow. Joys of youth and religion can mix. Religion is eternal youth to a soul. Heaven is a place of eternal youth. Religion in this sense means a real Christian experience, born again, sanctified wholly, filled with His Spirit, and overcoming daily.

But there is a Street of Sorrow. We do not wish to cloud anyone's life, but we would not be true to one and another if we did not know and let others know that some day you will walk the street of Sorrow. The Master Himself did before us. You will have

days of heartaches, pain, and tears. There will be hours when the glory will fade out of your sky, and perhaps the last courage in your life. It is the part of the battle, it is in the drill and discipline of life.

And there is definitely Straight Street. Here is where a life must settle down and work out the eternal destiny of the soul. It is the street of Christian womanhood and Christian manhood. It is the only true way of abiding achievement. The man living a life of integrity, purity, and sincerity is living a straight life if it is in Christ. A child of God is to be always found on Straight Street. Do not think for a moment you can live on Crooked Street or that you can get by by spending your time on Easy Street or Lazy Lane. The stars, as they might say, are against you. Read history and you will find that great souls, such as Wesley, Livingstone, Luther, Moody, Lincoln, and others, lived on the street called Straight. The day Paul moved there he began his noble life. Then the choice folk of today, born of God, live there now. Christ lives there all the time. God in Christ makes His home there. It has been His dwelling place in all generations.

Men and women, young man and young woman, let me urge you to go out, launch out, to a nobler, more useful Christian career. Go with hope and cheer and resolution in your heart. Drink deep of the wells of salvation and living water. Do with your task foremost in mind, all the while seeking God for direction and care.

In this present global war and crisis of insecurity, talk with God before you talk with men. Make your Christian duty a joy in face even of danger and death. Do not forget the commandments of God and Christian leadership of the past. Pray, work and fear not. Be simple in your tastes, pure in your speech, temperate in your pleasures. Fear nothing but sin; hate nothing but impurity; envy nothing but a clean, straight life; covet nothing but the "well done" of the Master. The fields are white unto harvest but laborers are few. Arise, go into the street called Straight, and find thy God in all glorious light and follow His call.

If some people knew as much as they think they know they could cease to advertise themselves; others would do this important job for them without cost.

# Results of Unity and Prayer

MRS. C. H. STANDIFER

Acts 4:31, "And when they prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together."

All through the ages of time, we find that the greatest manifestations of the power of God came when God's people met together in unity and prayer, and lifting their voices in one accord to God.

In the 3rd chapter of Acts, we see Peter and John on their way to a prayer meeting, when a lame man was healed, which stirred the rulers, etc., and they called Peter and John and commanded them not to teach any more in the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And when they had threatened them and let them go, Peter and John returned to their own company, and reported all that had been said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voices to God in one accord. What happened? This brings me to the text. "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together: and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word with boldness."

Humble and prevailing prayer and unity among God's people has always brought results, and always will, for we have the same God that Peter and John had, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Heb. 13:3.

"If two of you agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father. . . . Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of thee," Matt. 18:19, 20.

In the 12th chapter of Acts, we see Peter in prison, bound with two chains, and sleeping between two soldiers. But prayer was made without ceasing, of the church, unto God for him. The church had gathered together at the home of Mary to pray for the deliverance of Peter. What was the result? God sent an angel down into the prison, and smote Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise up quickly," and his chains fell off. He was delivered from prison, and went and stood before the gate of Mary's

home. Wonderful Jesus! Praise His name.

Many are in prison today, and bound; not just like Peter was, but bound by the hand of the enemy, and by chains of darkness, of sin, disease, etc., and need some one to hold on to God for their deliverance. God works through His people to reach the lost and needy souls, but unless we stay in unity and love and fellowship, He can't work through us. That is why Jesus prayed the Father to make His followers one—that the world may believe.

When the church was gathered together at Jerusalem, as Jesus commanded them to do before He went away (Acts 1:14), "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus." What was the result? Acts 2:1, 2, "And when the day of pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting." Yes, it brought a multitude of people together, and Peter preached Jesus to them, and the result was three thousand souls saved. God's plan of reaching the people has never changed. Men change and use other plans to have revivals, but real old-time revivals have always come about by the church humbling themselves and coming together in unity and real prevailing prayer.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land," 2 Chron. 7:14.

I knew an unusual lady quite a few years ago, who went to visit some of her relatives and while there attended a revival. God was wonderfully blessing and souls were being saved. This lady went to the altar and God wonderfully saved, sanctified, and filled her with the Holy Ghost before she left the altar. When she returned to her home, her father said every morning at four o'clock he would hear

her on her knees praying (she slept upstairs) and he would hear her knees knocking on the floor as she prayed and the mighty power of God was on her body. The result was a revival in that community and many souls were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. They had no preacher, no evangelist, just some saints met together in prayer meetings.

God is still on the throne, still hears and answers prayer, praise His dear name. If you want your loved ones saved, hold on to the horns of the altar. When Elijah met Baal's prophets on Mt. Carmel, to test their god, he prayed only a few words and the fire fell. But he prayed a long time with his face between his knees, before the rain fell. Daniel prayed three times a day in his home, and God delivered him from the lions.

Jesus, when He was on earth, would pray all night. If the Son of God spent the night in prayer, I am sure we need to spend more time in prayer and consecration before God. Jesus was our example, and when He was here He was the light of the world, but when He went away He told the Church they were the light of the world. The Word tells us to forsake not the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, and so much the more as we see the day approaching.

It's more needful today that the Church assemble themselves together in this distressful time, with trouble and sin on every hand, and lay down every friction, and come together in one accord and lift their voices to God in prayer for the lost.

## REVIVAL

We have just concluded a revival at Douglasville, Ga., Church of God. We have had a wonderful revival for the last two weeks. The church has been blessed and interest is at a new high here. Results: eight saved, five sanctified, five baptized with the Holy Ghost, six added to the church, and more looking this way. The pastor, Rev. James Williamson, continued the revival another week. Pray for us.—Floyd D. Carey, 347 Connally St., Apt. 741, Atlanta, Georgia.



# The Resurrected Savior

ETHEL BRUMLEY

*"He is not here, but is risen . . ."*  
—Luke 24:6.

The resurrection of our Lord is the great miracle of the ages; it is the hope of the Christian, and was the principal theme of the apostles. But try as we may, words fail to describe the wonderful event.

Easter is the name used to call the day set aside for commemorating the resurrection of Christ. At first there was kept by the Jews, annually, what was known as the feast of the pass-over. From the time the death angel went through the land slaying the first-born in every home which had not the blood of a lamb on the lintel and side posts of their door, the Jews had kept the day, praised it, and hallowed it, remembering how God had favored them and blessed them in bringing them out of Egyptian bondage. Later on, when dispensations had changed, and God gave His perfect Lamb that blood might be applied on the door posts of human hearts and bring us out of the bondage of sin and save us from the death of sin, it was decided we should keep Easter in remembrance of the resurrection of Christ. Therefore, the Gentiles fixed a day and adopted a rule in the seventeenth century that Easter should come following the fourteenth day of the calendar moon, making it appear at different dates, which is not earlier than March 21 and no later than April 25. But let that be as it may, it should stir our hearts and put new life and vigor in the humble servant of God to know that a little over nineteen hundred years ago our Lord came forth from the tomb, having conquered death, hell and the grave, and is alive forevermore. Glory! When I begin talking about the resurrection, I also begin feeling it.

The whole week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday was full of thrilling events. Jesus preached many sermons His last week before His crucifixion. It seemed He wanted to warn His people good with heart-to-heart talks before His end, which He knew was drawing near. His glorious messages, advice, and instructions of love, will ever be before the true child of God, to strengthen, encourage, and teach us the true way.

Many thought when Jesus went riding into Jerusalem on the colt, with the throng shouting praises to Him, spreading garments in the way, waving branches of trees, and shouting, "Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord," that Jesus was setting up His throne. How glad their hearts must have been, thinking it would be a wonderful reign with such a lovely character as Jesus. Surely they wanted to show Him the highest honor, but alas! when Jesus began telling them that week of His crucifixion which had dawned, and how He would leave them, it made them very sad indeed, and greatly disappointed. When the week began to near its close, things were looking dark. All the trials at court were going against Him. How lonely they were going to be without the Man of love, sympathy, and compassion; the One who carried their grief, restored sad hearts to gladness by His kind deeds, raising their dead to life again, healing their sick and preaching to them the gospel without charge, ever blessing them in many different ways. It, no doubt, was more than they could hardly bear. On the other hand, the cruel, sinful men had thoughts which ran in a different way. They were thinking of how they would get rid of Him, the strange-doctrine preacher, and of how they would put Him to all the suffering, shame and disgrace possible; but what feelings must have traveled through their minds when they had satisfied their evil desires and Jesus had been nailed to the cross and lifted in the air. When suddenly things began to happen, darkness came in daytime, rocks rent, the veil in the temple rent in two from top to bottom and many saints arose from the dead—all these made them decide that He must have been the Son of God. Many people will never decide on the right thing until it is too late.

I can imagine seeing those followers of His who loved Him dearly, as they perhaps sat around in little groups and talked of their sadness and disappointment, shedding tears freely. Three women had it in their minds to go and anoint the body of Jesus as soon as they could after the Sabbath was over. My heart wells up with faith and gratitude when I think of the

deep love these women had for our Lord. They probably slept very little during the night, thinking of their intentions on the early morning.

As light began to break in the east, three women silently and sadly winding their way around through the tents made their way while it was yet dark, to the sepulcher. Of course, they didn't know the resurrection had taken place, and they didn't know the stone had been rolled away; but their love for the Master was so deep He was uppermost in their hearts and it caused them to put forth some effort. The same is true still. If we love the Lord great enough, it will cause us to put forth efforts to serve Him regardless of the many hindrances.

These women could have said, "There is no use for us to go for we can never roll away that stone." But, no, their love and zeal wouldn't let them feel that way. They wanted to be near Him again. It was now the third day since they had seen Him. They wanted to touch Him again, get another view of His dead face, if they could do no better. Their great desire to do something for the Master caused them to GO. Imagine their surprise and deep joy when they came near the sepulcher and found the stone already rolled away, and that the Lord was alive.

One, Mary, on entering the sepulcher and seeing that Jesus was not there, began to cry. A man of love and pity drew near and asked, "Woman, why weepest thou?" She supposed Him to be the gardener (who took care of the cemetery), and said, "Sir, if thou hast borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus, knowing how she loved Him and knew not that it was He, said, "Mary." Then she knew His voice and turned about to worship Him. What a gladness came into her soul. She had met the resurrected Savior.

When we meet the resurrected Savior, a gladness and joy comes into our souls that is greater than all else. Hallelujah! It is one thing to read of the resurrection and another thing to feel the resurrection.

The other women went to the tomb and met the angels, who asked, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? he is not here but is risen as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples, and ye shall see him in Galilee: lo, I have

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# Casting Your Care Upon Him

MRS. ELSIE WESTBERRY

1 Peter 5:7, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

Today is a day of many cares, and we, as children of God, are more and more each day casting our cares upon the One who said, "I am your burden bearer." I count it a wonderful privilege, as I face the cares of each day, to know there is a very dear Friend who cares for me and has invited me to cast my cares and burdens upon Him and He will bear them all.

Who knows the value of such a friend better than the mothers of today who have several children of different ages, some away fighting for their country and those at home, so that you feel your heart almost torn between the two. The treasures of our hearts they are.

At the beginning of each new day we begin casting our cares on Jesus, asking for wisdom that we will be sure to need this day to help us do our duty to our Savior who does so much for us, for our family and each person we may meet today.

If ever we fail (and I have failed to do my duty at times, I am sorry to say), it is because we fail first to cast our cares upon this wonderful Friend who careth for us, who is able to and will always help in every undertaking, great or small. Then my thoughts go to my son who is in the Pacific somewhere. I begin to think it has been days and perhaps weeks since I have had the privilege to even receive a letter from him; my heart is sad and I say, "Dear Father, watch over my son today, help him win the victory soon. And, dear Friend, who cares and is able to keep that which is committed into your hand, should he be called from this world today may it be to a land of love and sweet peace." I again commit him unto the Lord and what a wonderful, blessed thing to know Jesus is willing to carry this burden also and, too, I know I can depend on Him to keep my son that day, to comfort him when he is sad, to help him do his duty and do it well. Jesus can stay the hand of the enemy who is able to destroy both body and soul, as well as this earthly enemy who would take his life.

Then there are the children who attend school. As we prepare them for school we begin to tell them the things they should or shouldn't do, to watch

their conduct, speech, the company they keep, to be good citizens, attentive to their teachers, and things too numerous to mention. The burden becomes too great for us to bear alone as we think of all the pitfalls the devil has set to trap our boys and girls, so again we cast this care upon our Friend who truly sticketh closer than a brother and who will work everything out for the good of those who love Him and have submitted themselves unto His will.

Then the babies at home are surely a constant care throughout the day, and many times during the day we call on this very special Friend to help out. The baby may be ill. Oh, what a sweet privilege we have to call upon Jesus to heal, and He does. Again we have found a precious Friend in Jesus. Then another one falls and gets hurt and it is Jesus on whom we call to heal the hurt. And again they misbehave and we need knowledge to know just how to train them up in the way they should go. So on throughout that day and every day we are always casting our cares upon this Friend and Savior.

"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." What are the mothers to do who by their lives prove they care only for the things of this world? It is no wonder that the children of today are running loose in the streets while their mothers run after the pleasures of the world, leaving them to do as they please. God help the mothers of America to seek God for salvation and begin to keep His commandments and train their children up in love and admonition of God, "casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

## What a Wonderful Friend He Is

Dear Saints, I am rejoicing in the Lord for saving my soul and keeping me from all desires of the world. I feel as though I'd like to be a servant for Christ but He understands my position, I am sure. I have felt led to do my share in sending out gospel tracts to service boys and unsaved friends of mine. It was one year ago February 22 that I was saved. It was through breaking my leg that I was saved. It was broken in three places

and I was in such pain and misery after it was set and the cast on that about midnight I thought I couldn't endure any longer, so I asked my mother-in-law to get the minister of the Church of God in Lemmon (we lived there then) to come pray for me, and I was gloriously saved and the pain quit too. I didn't suffer as much as I would have with a broken leg if I hadn't called on our dear Savior, I am sure. I have many loved ones who aren't saved, including my husband, so I ask an interest in your prayers. I put all my cares and burdens on the Lord and it's wonderful what a friend He is. I am so hungry for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I have seen so many experiences of the wonderful help He gives you that I long for Him myself.—Mrs. J. Rotter, Box 105, Thunder Hawk, S. Dak.

## Still Trusting the Lord

ENID, Miss.—I thank the Lord for the many kind letters I received from all my brothers and sisters in response to the testimony I had in the paper of July 4, 1943.

Sometimes it looks very blue and gloomy to me. I think about old Brother Job, what kind of time he had. Lord, please let me look on the bright side and go a little farther. I stay so much by myself. I want the good people to pray for me, that I might have a little more rest than I have been getting. I am still paralyzed in my left side. It will soon be eighteen months since I had a stroke.

All who read this, if they feel led, please write me a card or letter.—W. A. Smith, Box 48.

## Living a Christian Life Before the Boys in Camp

Dear Saints, I have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost since January, 1938. I joined the Church of God in June, 1940. I have been serving in the U. S. Army since November 17, 1942, and I have truly lived a life of a Christian before the boys in camp and everywhere. God has really kept me by His power. I know the Lord is a healer and know He is able to keep that which is committed into His hands.

The Lord has answered many prayers and the requests that I have put in, especially the two requests I sent in to the church about three months ago. I praise Him for the Church of God also.—Cpl. James E. Evans, A.S.N. 38332097, Med. Det. W.S.C.T.C., Camp Kohler, Calif.

# REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

## PRAY FOR:

The healing of my sister, Mrs. W. F. Chappelle, 1147 S. Tower St., Anderson, S. C., of cancer; her son in the South Pacific; my three-year-old son who was bitten on the face by a dog; all the boys in service.—S2/c Paul Woody, home address, Box 543, Laurinburg, N. C.

The healing of my little girl of kidney trouble; my wife and mother to be healed.—Copeland Park, 707 G. St., Newport News, Va.

My two brothers in Service, one in England.—Mrs. Frank Walls, Davin, W. Va.

The Lord to heal me of low blood pressure.—Mrs. Jennie Crenshaw, Box 192, Ruskin, Fla.

My two sons in Service.—S. E. Bishop, Rt. 3, Thomaston, Ga.

God to heal my broken foot; my brother.—Herman King, Jr., 1007 N. Gilmore Ave., Lakeland, Fla.

Orville Isam who is in camp, he needs urgent prayer.—A friend, G.C. G., Galax, Va.

The healing of my body. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Rilla Childs, c/o Cotton Mill, Elberton, Ga.

The healing of my body; my mother and one of my little boys to be healed; my son in Service; my husband.—Mrs. J. N. Sowell, 809 W. Surwance St., Fitzgerald, Ga.

My husband who is in the Armed Forces.—Mrs. Jeanette Dennison, 724 Society Ave., Albany, Ga.

The healing of my husband of ulcerated stomach; God to undertake for my sister and her husband.—Mrs. Evelyn Baker, Live Oak, Fla.

My husband to be healed of severe stomach trouble; my brother overseas.—A sister in Christ, Rt. 1, Cambria, Va.

Me to be saved and healed of appendicitis.—Miss Ella Mae Young, Rt. 3, Gumtersville, Ala.

The healing of my body of high blood pressure.—Rev. F. H. Irwin, Whitwell, Tenn.

The complete healing of my body; my husband.—Mrs. O. B. Scarberry, Rt. 1, Box 189 C, Belzoni, Miss.

The healing of my body of a tumor; my husband who has a bad heart to be healed and saved; my father who has a bad cut on his hand; a friend who has a bad cut and is afflicted.—Mrs. Lee Greene, Rt. 2, Box 52, Farmville, Va.

My healing, I am bedfast with T. B.—Mrs. Alpha Thomas, Eldorado, Ill.

God to undertake for me and heal me of varicose veins; my husband and home; my children who have the whooping cough; a very urgent request.—Mrs. Christine Stocker, 1391 Oakham Court, Willow Run Village, Ypsilanti, Mich.

My husband's health.—Mrs. J. W. Weaver, Rt. 3, Louisville, Ala.

My two sons in the Army.—Jessie Rogers, Clemons, Ky.

The Lord to heal my head and body.—Miss Dair Crawford, 1403 S. Main St., Anderson, S. C.

My mother who has a goitre and T. B. to be healed.—Mrs. Eva Brown, Burnsville, N. C.

A man here to be healed of T. B.—Mrs. Albert Goss, Jewell Ridge, Va.

My sister who has cancer of the bone to be healed; my husband in Service; me.—Mrs. James H. Taylor, 6218 California Ave., Nashville 9, Tenn.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure and heart trouble; my son in England; my husband.—Mrs. E. L. Hicks, Box 3421, Jacksonville 6, Fla.

## Pray for New Work

We have our district tent stretched in Greenville, Ala., and request everyone to pray that God will give victory here. This is a new field for the Church. Pray for us.—J. M. Baldree, district pastor, 12 Brassell St., Montgomery 7, Ala.

## NOTICE

Prayer meetings will be held every Thursday night at the Foster School Auditorium, Ypsilanti, Mich., corner of Clark and Spring Well. Rev. W. W. Wilson in charge, 1544 Sudbury, Ypsilanti, Mich.

## Wonderfully Blessed Throughout All-day Services

**LIBERTY HILL, Mo.**—We had all-day services Sunday, March 12, with Brother G. R. Watson, our state overseer, and Brother and Sister Miles, visiting us. Brother E. H. Miles, our Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent, brought a wonderful message in the morning. Then we had lunch. It didn't look like food was rationed any longer, for we surely had a fine lunch, or in other words just an old-fashioned basket dinner. The evening service was fine. Brother Watson brought a wonderful message and then we had a short talk by Brother Samuel Mason, one of our Assembly of God brothers. After his message we observed the Lord's Supper and washed feet. The dear Lord wonderfully blessed us throughout the entire service. Everybody really enjoyed the visit by Brother Watson and Brother and Sister Miles.

This is just a small work here, but we want everyone to pray for us, that our work and our interest may grow, and pray that we can have a wonderful revival here soon.—E. G. Page, pastor, Rt. 1, Bloomfield, Mo.

## OBITUARIES

### CATHA

Mrs. Mary Ann Catha, age sixty-nine years, departed this life March 25, 1944. She was a faithful member of the Church of God.—Lester Beasley, pastor, Kentwood, La.

### WALES

Mrs. Mellie A. Wales departed this life March 25, 1944; age sixty-three years. She was one of the early members of the Church of God in Kentwood, and is greatly missed.—Lester Beasley, Box 339, Kentwood, La.

### KEEL

Mrs. Mary Bentley Keel, a member of the Church of God at Alexander City, Ala., was born July 20, 1863, and departed this life to be with Jesus May 7, 1944.—Her daughter, Violet Berry, Alexander City, Ala.



# Reports From the Field

## Report From New Jersey State S. S. and Y.P.E. Superintendent

We take this means to thank the Lord for the progress in the Sunday School and the Young People's Endeavor in the State of New Jersey since last Assembly. The attendance throughout the State in both departments has already surpassed that of last year. So far this year there have been three new Sunday Schools and three Y.P.E.'s organized. The Sunday Schools have caught the orphanage vision. The Sunday School at Millville, N. J., whose pastor is Sister Amy Hanley, is doing a fine job. In a recent special orphanage drive in the State this school turned in \$110. This is only some of what they are doing there. Yes, they also support a missionary on the field. A new Sunday School at Jersey City came in second with \$33.73, and all others in proportion. Truly the Lord is blessing this department.

The Young People's Endeavor is coming along fine. Their spirituality is high. In their services souls are getting saved, sanctified, and receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The sale of Lighted Pathways has already surpassed that of last year's total and we still have several months before the Assembly.

Truly the pastors have caught the vision—that the Sunday School is the groundwork of the future Church and the Y.P.E. is the bulwark of the Church.

Pray for us here in New Jersey, that we may be able to present the Church of God and its program for the young people in such a way that they will desire to become a part of the glorious Church. Very few know anything about the Church of God here, but I am sure that many are hearing and will hear and see us before this Assembly year is up.—Frank Petrucci, state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, Jersey City, N. J.

## Lebanon, Pa., Church Celebrates First Anniversary of Sunday School

The Church of God at Lebanon, Pa., celebrated its first Sunday School anniversary March 26. The church has recently been cleaned and redecorated for this occasion, which is the work

of the faithful workers here in Lebanon. The Sunday School, with Brother William Eisenhauer serving as superintendent, has purchased a new rug for the church and flowers for decoration. The Sunday School also bought draperies for the platform and a scarf for the piano. The Sunday School started a year ago with fourteen in Sunday School and 51 cents offering. Rev. Finis Dake organized the Sunday School at that time.

During the past year the Sunday School has taken in \$111.28 and the average attendance for the year was thirty-three; birthday offering \$4.62; orphanage offering, \$41.88; missions, \$48.22. On March 26 there were fifty-three present for Sunday School and \$4.24 offering.

On our anniversary, the morning service began at 9:45. Rev. Henry C.

Stoppe, district overseer of Reading, Pa., district, taught on the chart during this service. The afternoon service began at 2:00 o'clock. During this service the house was filled to its capacity, with people here from Reamstown, Bunkerhill, Annville, Reading Harrisburg, Ephrata and Litiz. The guest speakers for the afternoon were Evangelist Bonneville, who is in evangelistic work in Pennsylvania at this time, and Rev. Joy Bell, pastor of the Church of God at Harrisburg. The evening service began at 7:30. A good spirit prevailed all day but climaxed in the evening service. God poured out His Spirit in such a great way that it seemed heaven came down and kissed the earth. The Holy Ghost was felt moving in the building until it seemed it was saturated with the Spirit of God. God spoke definitely to the unsaved. God still hears and answers prayer and we are expecting Him to do something greater for the folks in Lebanon who are standing united against sin and the enemy.

## CHURCH OF GOD AT RIVERSIDE REMODELED



The above is a picture of the remodeled Riverside Church of God, near Atlanta, Ga. The Lord has enabled us to complete the remodeling program since the Assembly, at a cost of approximately \$5,000. We have brick-veneered the church building, installed celotex ceiling, finished the walls with sheetrock, installed new pews and carpets, rearranged the choir, and added two Sunday School rooms. This \$5,000 expenditure has been paid in cash, with the exception

of approximately \$1,000 which we contemplate raising on the dedication date, which is Sunday, June 11, 1944. The total number present in Sunday School the Sunday this picture was taken was approximately 300. The pastor, Brother P. H. Hammond, and his wife can be seen sitting on the front row. The Lord has truly been good to us this year at Riverside, for which we are thankful.—P. H. Hammond, pastor.

# TESTIMONIES

## Great Joy in Seeing Souls Pray Through

I have felt led of the Lord for quite awhile to write a piece to the Evangel concerning my work in the service of the Master, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am doing evangelistic work and am open for your service. I have a girl who can play the piano and sing. I also have another girl who will go with me in service.

We are in a great revival at the Church of God here in Columbia. Our good pastor, Brother Mortenson, is doing the preaching. He is a wonderful man of God. He and his wife are great soldiers of the cross. They are spending their lifetime, and talent for God in His cause and kingdom. The saints are revived, sinners are getting saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, backsliders are coming back to the fold. Pray for the success of the church here in Columbia, S. C., also pray for me in the success of my work that I may be a brave soldier for Jesus and that I may be obedient to the calling wherein He has called me. I was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost June, 1932, and have been a member of the Church of God twelve years. I have been teaching Sunday School for the last eight or nine years. I have also been preaching for quite awhile this year. Nine have been saved, six sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. That is the great joy of my life, to see souls pray through and get ready for the soon coming of Jesus, for we can see and know according to His Word it can't be long at the longest. Let us stay ready, watching and waiting, for He is not slack concerning His promises. Read 2 Peter 3:9.—Mrs. Katie Tucker, Columbia, S. C.

## Jesus Knew My Heart

PALATKA, Fla.—I praise the Lord for giving me strength to get back to the dear old Church of God. I thought I would never get well, but I asked Brother Yates, our humble pastor, to pray for me and he and others prayed for me, anointing me with oil in the name of the Lord, and I give Jesus all the glory for it. I had gotten to the place I couldn't use my mouth to pray—I just looked to Jesus, and He knew what was in my heart. That is the way

I prayed for our six sons in the Service and now we have seven together. Please pray that they will be saved and come back home. Also, pray for my unsaved husband. I believe he will be saved. Pray for our church here. The Lord is blessing, also our Willing Workers' Band. We are working and praying and you will hear from us in Palatka soon. I want to see a great revival break out, so am having cottage prayer meeting. Pray that Jesus will give me more wisdom and understanding as a teacher and president of our Willing Workers' Band, and most of all to win souls. Pray for the healing of my dear mother and all my loved ones and others.—Mrs. J. T. Duke, 816 Oak St.

## Prayer Changes Things

Dear Evangel Readers, this little message today is from a man in stripes, caged in from the free world, but, thank God, He isn't caged out. My first time to hear holiness was in 1919. My wife believed in it the first time she heard it. Of course, I thought I had the best wife on earth. It was not long until I was a holiness man too. Thank God. God called me to work for Him but I felt so unqualified I didn't obey God's call, tried to live for Him my own way. We reared a large family of children, some of the older ones accepted Christ when young and are still leaning on His promises. When I received the blessing I thought my troubles were all over, but the devil hounded me worse than ever. Soon my beloved wife would accuse me of things I was not guilty of. Oh, how I needed her prayers to help me over the rugged path. Wives, take warning, be faithful, encouraging and more prayerful when most needed. The devil came after me so fast, and through neglect of prayer he overcame me. I drifted farther and farther from God. Loved ones seemed not to care. I went down, failed God, landed in prison, but thank God, I was no hypocrite; I acknowledged my backslidden condition.

Church of God people, pray for me, pray for my loved ones. God knows we need it. Let your lives be an influence for good. I once was a good influence for God, but am so miserable now. Obey the callings of God regard-

less of the cost.

Through all my heartaches, this morning finds Jesus near. God has forgiven me and helped me to forgive and pray for those who despise me. Oh, thank God for the peace in my soul this morning. Pray for my boys in this cruel war and my girls to leave the ways of the world and accept Christ. Pray for me to be a blessing where I am until God rescues me. Thank God, He knows everything, the secrets of all our hearts, and is so forgiving. We His followers, are forgiving too. If not, we are not His. Behind the bars but a brother in Christ, I covet your prayers.—A Mississippi man.

## Jesus Is By My Side

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—I praise the Lord, my great Redeemer, for victory in my soul over sin and the devil. As I stand inside this morning and look out upon a dark and gloomy world, dreary and drooped in sin, my heart aches and I feel so homesick. I do know there is a guiding hand leading me on to a better day, to a home beyond this veil of tears, that Jesus went away to prepare for the few that hold out faithful to the end. On account of sin and uncleanness, my earthly home here was torn to pieces some years ago. Today as I stand alone Jesus is by my side and I can look to Him as my guide and director through this unfriendly world.

I have four lovely children, ranging in ages from thirty-two to eighteen years, out in this cold world unsaved, one boy and one son-in-law in the Armed Forces. I covet your prayers in their behalf, that they may find the Lord before it is too late.

We are in the closing of a great revival here of three weeks, conducted by Sister Marie Walls, of California. She delivered some real inspiring messages; she is really on the battlefield for the Lord and He is blessing her labor. We love our pastor, Brother L. R. Alderman, and his family. They have been a great blessing to the church here.

Please pray for me; I have a house full of mixed people—some of them know nothing about holiness. As I go about my daily work and come in contact with people each day, I want to prove to them that there is a reality in this highway of holiness and Church of God. I want to stay in my place and be ready when Jesus comes or calls. Pray for me.—Ella Taylor, 32 W. Beaver St.

## BUILDING BY FAITH

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but when the valley comes, down they go. They are just like the man who built his house on the sand and when it began to rain and the wind blew, it fell; so when the battle comes, some quit. If we build on God and His foundation, we will be more likely to stand. The man who built on the solid rock stood. We can use this building on the solid rock as Jesus, for if we are born of Christ we will have eternal life; it will not fall if we stand, and if we serve the devil we will be like the house built on the sand, just a few days and then in punishment forever. O dear Christians, let's pray for the lost. I want to see them come to Christ. I pray God will burden me to see more and more saved. I am weak myself and need more power. I am not asking the world for it, I am asking and praying that God will give it to me. He is the only One whom we can ask of or go to. I have many battles along the way, but the Lord has thus far stood by me. I know He is able to carry me through. If someone starts something and never finishes it, he is a quitter. God help us not to be quitters. If we start to work for Jesus and don't finish our work on earth, which He has commanded us to do, we just lose our reward.

I am looking forward to the day when our labor will be finished in this world. We have the greatest opportunity to build and work for Jesus the world has ever known. So let us work to see more people saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. We don't say much about the fire any more, when we are speaking of the Holy Ghost, but it is still in the Word of God just like it was in the beginning.

You, who are out in sin, too, can be a help in this. All there is for you to do is repent of your sins, be born again, do the will of God, enjoy the blessings of God, and go to work for Jesus. He wants workers; laborers for the Lord are few. We find in 1 Cor. 3:9-17, "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." We don't want to keep anything in God's building which is not holy, for if we do, God certainly will destroy it. You would not want your home where you live to be like a hog pen or cow stall. No,

we want a real clean place to live and sleep and eat.

Matt. 3:11 tells us that John the Baptist, speaking of Jesus, said, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." Praise God for this wonderful gift! I think some of the people need some of the fire John was speaking about. Come, let's put our whole soul and body in service for God; let's build the Church of God the greatest building in the world. Even in these dark hours we can, by the help of the Lord, make it the greatest in the world. God wants it to be. He wants the temple, or the building, kept clean in which He and the Holy Ghost may dwell.

## RELIGION AND THE WORLD

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repentance. Those who do so may be responsible at the judgment for some precious souls who were hungry and longed to again accept Christ and live for Him. However well meaning such people are, the church and those who have fallen back into sin, would all be better off if they would shelve their perverted ideas relative to these scriptures. It is possible for people to sin away the time and days of grace, but God has not authorized anyone to declare unto men when they have done such. God will decide that. We should encourage and never discourage people.

## THE RESURRECTED SAVIOR

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told you." This was indeed a glad message to tell.

A beautiful story is told of two men who took a walk that first Easter day. They were walking along the road, seemingly grieved, and their talk sounded sad. Presently, a stranger found them and asked, "What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another as ye walk and are sad?" One of the men answered and said, "Are you only a stranger here, and haven't learned about the things which have happened lately?" The stranger said, "What things?" He proved to be a good listener. We many times would do well to use the pattern at this point. If we would listen we could learn how to be a help and a blessing to people in a better way, than to be so quick to express our opinions.

Then they explained to the man what they were troubled about. They were very much grieved about the

crucifixion of Christ, how shamefully He had been treated and they had hoped it to be He who would redeem Israel, and said, "Besides all this, this is the third day and some women made us astonished, who were early at the sepulcher and said they had seen a vision of angels and that He was not there . . ." Then Jesus saw His chance and He began to explain all the scriptures from Moses on down, concerning Himself and about the crucifixion of Christ and how necessary it was. His preaching became so interesting that great joy was felt in their hearts.

At last they had walked eight miles and had reached their home. I know they hated to break up that company, but they had reached home. How they must have hoped they could persuade Him to go in with them. Perhaps they could hear Him talk on some more for His talk on the way had certainly given them more comfort than they had had in several days. So they constrained Him to abide with them, and Jesus went in with them just as He will come in to anyone who will constrain Him. To constrain means to compel by moral means; to urge; to confine or compress. Then when we constrain Him to come into our hearts, He will do so without fail.

And when supper was ready they, of course, called on their guest to offer thanks at the table. Jesus began in His old-fashioned manner, with a voice and prayer which sounded familiar to them, with His thoughtful, reverent style. It somehow lit a sudden glow in their hearts and they knew it was the resurrected Christ. Then He vanished from their sight. Hallelujah! what a feeling. I have always wondered how long it took those two men to get back to Jerusalem to tell their beautiful story of the resurrected Christ—something they had experienced, something they knew about.

Brother, Sister, when you met the resurrected Savior and constrained Him to come into your heart and He entered, there was a feeling of joy you *knew about*, not a guesswork but something which made you know you had passed from death unto life, the wonderful burning in the heart, which experience is only felt when in the presence of the resurrected Christ. Yes, the road to Emmaus is the road of the risen Christ. He loves to linger there with expectant hearts. Such roads He walketh still. In the approach of this stranger, in whose



company burdens are lightened and gloom departs and whose words so stir the heart, we may learn how that He draws near to men still.

As we read this story, with the advantage of knowing the end from the beginning, we can watch Christ taking His own road into lives that need Him, and we can see, too, how men whose eyes are holden and who seem to themselves to be only obeying some elementary human instinct of pity or brotherhood, are really setting their door open for the Christ Himself.

## REVIVALS

**MISSOULA, Mont.**—We are happy to report our revival. We feel we were very fortunate in having Brother M. L. Lowe as our evangelist. Our souls were greatly blessed as we listened to the message each night, as it was given out without compromise, under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. We feel that much good has been accomplished. Five were saved and two baptized with the Holy Ghost. Messages and interpretations were given, encouraging us to be faithful. Showers of blessings came down and the saints rejoiced and danced for joy. Four were baptized in water. The same Lord who caused the waves to "be still" caused the snow storm to cease for about an hour and, regardless of the wintry weather, He met with us on the river bank. The revival was concluded with the Lord's supper and washing of the saints' feet. Four were added to the church. We surely appreciated Brother Lowe's untiring efforts in preaching, praying, encouraging folk and visiting the sick. He and the pastor, Brother Max Brandt, are now engaged in a campaign in a new field. Pray for God to save souls.—Mrs. Max Brandt, 1238 Cooper.

**STOKES, N. C.**—We have just closed a two and one-half weeks' revival at Grendal Creek. Brother E. E. Hurst, of Tarboro, N. C., did the preaching. The Lord blessed wonderfully. Ten were saved, five sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. The saints were revived and received great blessings from the Lord. The messages each night were good and food for my soul. I do not think I ever heard any better. We can truly say he is a man who wants to do God's will and be a help to all with whom he comes in

contact. The Willing Workers have raised around \$600 and paid for a lot on which to build. We have started our church building. Pray for us, that God might bless our work. We have a good pastor, Brother W. J. Davenport. Pray that we might be a light to the world and our little church might be a great soul-saving station.—Mary Hannah, clerk, Rt. 1.

**FONDE, Ky.**—We have just closed a four weeks' revival at Fonde, Ky., with fifty-three saved, twenty-three sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, fifteen baptized in water and twenty-four added to the church. We also had a communion service. The church was wonderfully blessed with Brother Garrett Swain and wife, of Williamsburg, Ky., as the evangelists.—Sam Holcomb, pastor.

**GRAHAM, Ga.**—We have just closed a three weeks' revival at the Big Oaks church with Brother Lee Walton doing the preaching the last two weeks. Nine were saved, four sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was filled to its capacity most every night. The Lord is still blessing.—Cecil Hand, pastor.

**WALLINS CREEK, Ky.**—We truly praise God for a glorious revival conducted by Roy Dagnan, pastor of the church at Twila, Ky. The revival lasted three weeks. The power fell every night and the altar was filled with

seekers. This group of folks are looking forward to the Church of God. They like our preaching, also our teachings. The revival closed March 4, with eight saved, eight sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, and nine baptized in water. What a wonderful time we had. We need a Church of God in that place. Pray much for us.—Beatrice Dagnan.

**RINGGOLD, Ga.**—We closed a glorious revival here recently with Brothers Ernest Combs, Emmett Moore, and J. J. Callahan doing the preaching. The Holy Ghost was with us every night. Two were saved and one backslider was reclaimed. Since our good pastor, Brother Roy Shields, and his good wife came here we have completed our church. We have put brick siding on the outside and finished the inside with a nice wall board, and everything is paid for. We are glad that we are serving a God who hears and answers prayer.—Mrs. R. A. Partin.

**ANADARKO, Okla.**—A successful revival closed, with Brothers Barton and Smith, assisted by Sisters Mast and Keener. It was a good meeting. Many were blessed, ten saved, six sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost. We had good attendance and good singing in every service. Three were added to the church. We were well pleased with the meeting.—M. E. Tanner, pastor.

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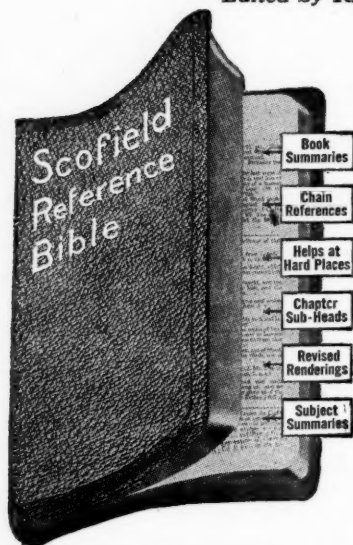


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